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REMARKS

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1. On 26 November 1953, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau, was occupied by about 2,500 to 3,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia.  about 5 to 6 tanks and 3 x 57-mm AT guns in the sheds. On 19 November, truck  left the installation, towing a 120-mm mortar. Individual drill and close order drill were regularly conducted in the installation. An undetermined number of troops went to the Schoenow training area and engaged there in the construction of field fortifications. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation
2. On 26 November, former Army Clothing Depot I was occupied by about 2,500 to 3,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A BA-64 armored scout car and several guns were seen in the installation. About 45 trucks  were parked outside of the installation. Intensive training activity was observed in the quartering area. About 400 recruits were seen receiving basic training.
3. On 26 November, the SS Brieftaubenstation (homing pigeon station) was occupied by about 400 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The AAA emplacement in the installation area was occupied as previously by 4 heavy AA guns.
4.  the former Army Clothing Depot was occupied to capacity.  Colonel Khlopov (fnu) returned to the USSR; he had been succeeded by one Lieutenant Colonel Dobrenkov (fnu). The north section of building No 7 was scheduled to be soon reconstructed for officers' families. The new building was to have two stories. About 300,000 eastmarks had been allotted for the project. Building No 6a housed the locksmith's shop and the forge, and building No 6b was also to be reconstructed. A total of 150,000 eastmarks had been allotted for this latter project.

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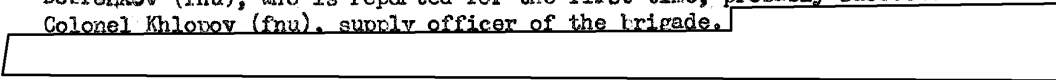
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Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the Bernau post prior to late November. [REDACTED] The 71st Light Arty Brig (US) stationed in Army Clothing Depot I is, however, believed to number only about 1,600 men. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Lieutenant Colonel Dobrenkov (fnu), who is reported for the first time, probably succeeded Colonel Khlovov (fnu), supply officer of the brigade. [REDACTED]

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